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in the bill that made it clear that the changes that are proposed by LB 87 weren't to affect any existing interlocal agreement or the entity that anybody had formed to carry out an existing interlocal agreement, but the bond counsel said that they thought...they still thought it would have some impact and they would have difficulty writing letters, opinion letters, for future bond issues out of their organization explaining that they were one type of organization when another type of organization was permitted. So the committee amendment simply strips out all the provisions, makes them stand separately from the other provisions of the interlocal cooperation agreement. And there were a couple of little technical changes that were made but they're not...they're not substantive. The main thrust of the committee amendment is that it separates out the joint public agency within the Interlocal Cooperation Act so that it stands clearly as another option for cooperation amongst governmental political subdivisions and is not folded into the other provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. That is done solely to placate bond counsel.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler, discussion on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, perhaps I can make a few comments and then maybe we could have an exchange on all this, and since the committee amendment is the bill, I suppose it's as good a time to begin as any. I want to restate and ask the Legislature to think about where we're going 10 or 15 or 20 years from now if we proceed down this path of joint entity transactions and the formation of a multitude of additional public entities, public bodies, same as a county, same as a city. We're going to have a state, if this goes as Senator Wickersham would want it to go, because the thing we're concerned about now is efficiency and getting people to work together, if this goes as our current temperament would want it to go we will soon have a multiplicity of completely separate political subdivisions, every one of which is a hybrid of sorts, and every one of which, in order to understand it, you will have to understand the operating agreements relating to that particular public entity. In order to compare it to other